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(*b*) whether any list of such qualified people is prepared and any principle of rotation is observed in the appointment of such examiners; and

(*c*) the number of examiners appointed for these examinations from 1926 to 1933 and how many of them are Telugus; how many of them are Tamilians; and the remuneration paid to them individually for acting as examiners?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No hard-and-fast rules are followed. Examiners and assistant examiners are selected by the Commissioner for Government Examinations with reference to their knowledge and practical experience, their status and their capacity to discharge the responsible work entrusted to them.

(*c*) A statement [a] is appended. Information regarding the names of examiners and the remuneration paid to them is confidential.

11-45 a.m. Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—"May I know why it is not considered necessary to comply with the suggestion made in clause (*b*) of the question, i.e., to prepare a list of the people qualified?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I do not think that any useful purpose will be served by the preparation of such a list."

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—"When there is a feeling among some people that their claims are not properly considered at the time of selection, why does not the hon. Minister think it necessary to remedy their grievances?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"As the hon. Member will understand from the answer to the clause (*c*) even if such a list is prepared, it will be kept confidential. Therefore, there is no use in preparing one."

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—"The suggestion made in clause (*b*) is to prepare a list of the candidates every year who are qualified and to observe a certain principle in making the selection?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"But that list would be kept confidential, I say. It won't be open to the public and so the public cannot have an opportunity to criticise it."

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—"I wish to know if there is any such list prepared now?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"There is none."

Revision of the curriculum of studies in the higher elementary schools.

* 524 *Q*.—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether a committee was appointed by the Government to report on the course of studies in the higher elementary schools;

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[a] Printed as Appendix IX on page 115 infra.

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(b) who the members of the committee were and whether that committee has made any report;

(c) if the answer is in the affirmative, when the report was submitted and whether the Government have considered the same; and

(d) why the Government have not published the report?

A.—(a) A committee was appointed by the Director of Public Instruction for the purpose.

(b) The members of the committee were Mr. R. M. Statham (Chairman), Mr. G. L. Lobo, Abdul Hamid Sahib Bahadur, M.R.Ry. A. Ramanatha Pillai Avargal, M.R.Ry. D. S. Reddi Garu (Secretary). The committee has sent a report to the Director.

(c) & (d) The report was submitted on 31st October 1932. It is under the consideration of the Director and has not yet been submitted to Government.

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I know the reason for the delay in printing the report and why the Director kept it for a long period himself, without submitting it to the Government for orders? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" Notice."

Rules of admission into the Widows' Home, Madras.

* 525 Q.—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(a) whether admission to the Widows' Home near the Beach at Madras is restricted to any particular community or members professing a particular religion;

(b) if so, to what communities or religions;

(c) the reasons for such restrictions;

(d) what the total annual expenditure on the Widows' Home is;

(e) how much of it is met from moneys collected from the inmates;

(f) what the rate of fees collected is and what the kinds of fees collected are;

(g) whether there is any endowment to the Widows' Home;

(h) if so, what the annual income therefrom is and what the nature and terms of the endowment are; and

(i) the number of the residents in the Widows' Home for the years 1931–32 and 1932–33 with the caste, sect or religion to which they belonged?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member apparently refers to the Ice House Hostel attached to the Lady Willingdon Training College. Admission to this hostel is open to Hindu widows who are pupils in the model school attached to the college and to all Hindu students undergoing training in the secondary and higher elementary training classes in the college.